

the treatment afforded prisoners of war, regardless of the identity of the individuals or military units who have captured them; and

Whereas the United States and the other coalition nations have complied, and will continue to comply, with international law and custom and the Geneva Convention: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) expresses its outrage at the flagrant violations by the Government of Iraq of the customary international law of war and the Convention Relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War, dated at Geneva August 12 1949, and entered into force October 21, 1950;

(2) supports in the strongest terms the President's warning to Iraq that the United States will hold the Government of Iraq, its officials, and military personnel involved accountable for any and all such violations;

(3) expects Iraq to comply with the requirements of the international law of war and the explicit provisions of the Convention Relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War, which afford prisoners of war the proper and humane treatment to which they are entitled; and

(4) expects that Iraq will afford prisoners of war access to representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross, as required by the Convention Relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. COLLINS). The motion to reconsider is laid upon the table.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF DEE D. DRELL TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate shall proceed to executive session to consider the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Dee D. Drell, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Pennsylvania.

Mr. SANTORUM. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the next two votes be 10 minutes in duration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order at this point to request the yeas and nays for both nominees; that is, Dee Drell and Richard Bennett.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to requesting the yeas and nays at this time? Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LEAHY. I ask for the yeas and nays on both nominees.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Dee D. Drell, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western

District of Louisiana. On this question, the yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) is absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) would vote "Aye".

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 99, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 130 Ex.]

YEAS—99

Akaka	Dodd	Lincoln
Alexander	Dole	Lott
Allard	Domenici	Lugar
Allen	Dorgan	McCain
Baucus	Durbin	McConnell
Bayh	Edwards	Mikulski
Bennett	Ensign	Miller
Biden	Enzi	Murkowski
Bingaman	Feingold	Murray
Bond	Feinstein	Nelson (FL)
Boxer	Fitzgerald	Nelson (NE)
Breaux	Frist	Nickles
Brownback	Graham (FL)	Pryor
Bunning	Graham (SC)	Reed
Burns	Grassley	Reid
Byrd	Gregg	Roberts
Campbell	Hagel	Rockefeller
Cantwell	Hatch	Santorum
Carper	Hollings	Sarbanes
Chafee	Hutchison	Schumer
Chambliss	Inhofe	Sessions
Clinton	Inouye	Shelby
Cochran	Jeffords	Smith
Coleman	Johnson	Snowe
Collins	Kennedy	Specter
Conrad	Kerry	Stabenow
Cornyn	Kohl	Stevens
Corzine	Kyl	Sununu
Craig	Landrieu	Talent
Crapo	Lautenberg	Thomas
Daschle	Leahy	Voinovich
Dayton	Levin	Warner
DeWine	Lieberman	Wyden

NOT VOTING—1

Harkin

The nomination was confirmed.

NOMINATION OF RICHARD D. BENNETT, OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate shall proceed to consider Executive Calendar No. 107, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Richard D. Bennett, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Richard D. Bennett, of Maryland, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Maryland? The yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) is absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) would vote "Aye".

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 99, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 131 Ex.]

YEAS—99

Akaka	Dodd	Lincoln
Alexander	Dole	Lott
Allard	Domenici	Lugar
Allen	Dorgan	McCain
Baucus	Durbin	McConnell
Bayh	Edwards	Mikulski
Bennett	Ensign	Miller
Biden	Enzi	Murkowski
Bingaman	Feingold	Murray
Bond	Feinstein	Nelson (FL)
Boxer	Fitzgerald	Nelson (NE)
Breaux	Frist	Nickles
Brownback	Graham (FL)	Pryor
Bunning	Graham (SC)	Reed
Burns	Grassley	Reid
Byrd	Gregg	Roberts
Campbell	Hagel	Rockefeller
Cantwell	Hatch	Santorum
Carper	Hollings	Sarbanes
Chafee	Hutchison	Schumer
Chambliss	Inhofe	Sessions
Clinton	Inouye	Shelby
Cochran	Jeffords	Smith
Coleman	Johnson	Snowe
Collins	Kennedy	Specter
Conrad	Kerry	Stabenow
Cornyn	Kohl	Stevens
Corzine	Kyl	Sununu
Craig	Landrieu	Talent
Crapo	Lautenberg	Thomas
Daschle	Leahy	Voinovich
Dayton	Levin	Warner
DeWine	Lieberman	Wyden

NOT VOTING—1

Harkin

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The President shall be immediately notified of the Senate's actions on these nominations.

Mr. HATCH. Madam President, I am pleased today to speak in support of Dee Dodson Drell, who has been nominated to the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, Alexandria Division.

Mr. Drell began his legal career with the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corp upon graduation from Tulane University School of Law in 1971. He began his tour of duty as a defense counsel for courts martial, handling both misdemeanor and felony-level cases. He next moved to the position of prosecutor, during which time he was named Chief of Military Justice. He remained in that position until 1975, after which he entered private practice.

Mr. Drell then joined the law firm of Gravel, Roy & Burnes. His practice focused primarily on personal injury, criminal defense and general civil litigation. In 1981, Drell joined the law firm of Gold, Weems, Bruser, Sues & Rundell, where he is currently a member and director. His primary areas of practice are insurance defense, contracts, employment law, health benefits and civil litigation.

Mr. Dell has a strong commitment to *pro bono* work that extends beyond his regular law practice. It includes work with organizations that provide services to people suffering from AIDS and AIDS-related illnesses. He provides legal services as a volunteer counselor for Central Louisiana AIDS Support